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1. This communication is responsive to 7/2/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 9/15/04. *2 FIGURE PAGES ARE ATTACHED.*
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/12/04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

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Drawings

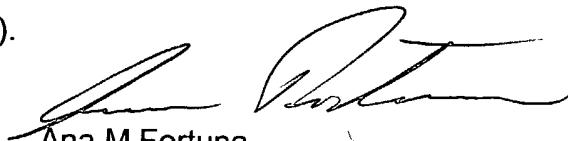
1. The drawings filed on 9/1/199 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities indicated on the attached "copies of Figures 1 and 2A", as marked in red ink. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

The indicated figures do not correspond with the brief description of figures in specification, page 6. These figures also do not match the figures definition of the parent patents. Figure 1 (prior art) should be the one with the porous plugs, and Fig. 2A, as defined, is the figure of the invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ana M Fortuna whose telephone number is (571) 272-1141. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda L. Walker can be reached on (571) 272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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September 15, 2004